

MAINE NEWS.

THE ANNUAL SESSION BEING HELD IN LEWISTON.

Special Correspondence of the Bangor Daily.

LEWISTON, Dec. 16. The meeting of the State Grange gives every promise of being one of the most profitable and interesting ever held by the Order. The public houses were well filled last night and the several trains this morning added greatly to the numbers who are now crowded to their full capacity.

The Grange was opened in formal at 10 o'clock to the 4th degree, with Worthington as the chief officer and nearly all the other officers in their respective places. After a formal opening it was closed in the 6th degree and opened in the 4th and the Committee on Credentials was appointed. The number present was the largest ever in attendance at the first day.

Peabody, Arostook and Pleasantville were fully represented, Pine Grove, Brewer, by Worthington; Dole, Riverdale, by Worthington; Phillips, Duxbury, by Worthington; and other Grange representatives were in attendance. The old and honored representatives were, if possible, more enthusiastic than usual.

The afternoon meeting was not opened to the public for lack of room. The worthy Master delivered his annual address which appeared to be most heartily approved and highly appreciated. It was followed by Mr. O. S. Gray, Treasurer of the State Grange. His remarks were most happy and interesting. After this reports of officers and delegates and committee on credentials were heard. At the evening session the first and second degrees were exemplified. (Worthington Master Prince is more than making the expectations of his friends. He is one of the most intelligent and successful Masters in Maine and enjoys the respect and confidence of the order throughout the State. Grange officers have given unusual satisfaction during the past year.)

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Schools and Churches in their neighborhoods are supported liberally and are to keep with their prosperity; they have built attractive halls in nearly every town in Maine, and the lessons taught in their reach out beyond and are held upon families and neighbors who are outside of their gates extending to the full township upon fathers and mothers, the husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, kindred and friends. By symbol and precept they inculcate the seeking after wisdom and truth, and the love of the beautiful in all nature, urging the cultivation of plants and bright and fragrant flowers to adorn their homes, and the use of gentle words and manners of life.

The "lockers on" here cannot help feeling there is "enthusiasm in a word." Interested and earnest individuals who gather together and co-operate for a common and worthy object receive greater thought and action than could be attained in the quiet seclusion of a single home. No farmer can afford to desert himself, year after year, to the State Grange, and the State Grange, which comes from these meetings. A spirit of inquiry and investigation is contagious. Any advance in knowledge is a special calling renders a man ambitious to step up higher.

To Associated Press.

LEWISTON, Dec. 16. The annual session of the Maine State Grange at Lewiston opened today. The roll showed 135 voting and 21 other delegates present. Sixty-two members are in attendance with eight representatives of county granges.

Worthington Master Prince delivered his address in the afternoon. [For full text of the address see fourth page.]

The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$2,475.

The Co-operative Association of Maine elected as President Samuel H. Kings, of North Yarmouth; Secretary, Samuel Bell, of Duxbury; Treasurer, C. C. Knight, of Portland.

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